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TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on ...

Bourlon

Billy Eugene Bourlon, 76, of Texico, NM, died January 9, 2002 at the Plains Medical Center in Clovis, NM after a lengthy illness.

He was born March 18, 1925 in Choctaw, OK to Charles A. and Catherine (Tescier) Bourlon. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the grandson of John Isadore and Alice Mae (Smith) Tescier. He married Dorris Sevier on Dec. 18, 1943.

In the early 30's the family moved to Anton, Texas. It was here he met two lifelong friends, Danny Bigler and Raymond Scott.

He was an active member of the Farwell Church of Christ. During W.W. II, he was in the 398th Bombing Group. While stationed in England he made 28 missions as a tail gunner on a B-17 "Flying Fortress." After his honorable discharge in 1945, he began farming around Portales, NM. In 1956 the family moved to Farwell, TX where he farmed until 1989.

After retirement from farming his hobbies were enjoyed even more. He loved to travel, hunting and fishing along the way. He always found the time and a place to raise a big garden with untold beneficiaries. His gardening talent was especially enjoyed and it was a priority to grown produce and share the bounty with others. Even the high cost of city water did not discourage his farmer's heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jerry Glen Bourlon.

Survivors include his wife Dorris Bourlon of Texico, NM; daughters and sons-in-law, Suzette and Terry Soesbe of Tijeras, NM, Alicia and Mickey Burkett of Dora, NM; son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Sherry Bourlon, Jr. of Corning, IA; brother, Charles Pat Bourlon of Albuquerque, NM; sister, Donna Wold; niece, Shana Dempsey of Albuquerque, NM; five grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9, 2002 at the Farwell Church of Christ. He was laid to rest in the Sunset Terrace Cemetery at Farwell, TX.

LeClair

John Alexander LeClair of Moyers, Okla. went to be with Jehovah God on May 15, 2002 at St. Joseph Hospital, Paris, Texas.

Mr. LeClair was the son of John Cenahs and Lizzie Rhodd LeClair, born June 7, 1910 at White Eagle, Okla., Ponca Reservation. He was also known as Alex, Alec, Eck, Unk, and Chief. He was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a descendent of Elizabeth Rhodd and Alexander Rhodd.

Alec attended grade school at Sacred Heart at Maud, Okla., three years at Chilocco Indian Agricultural School and graduated high school at Ponca City, Okla.

He began working as a welder at age fifteen with his older brothers at Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. building tanks for oil companies at locations all over the country. Later he became a member of the Boiler Makers Union. During World War II he worked in Saudia Arabia and later served his country by building ships in Houston, Texas. Long after he retired the company called his back many times to troubleshoot refinery construction. For several years he build houses for the Government Indian Housing Program in northeast Oklahoma. Alec was skilled in many fields and was frustrated when his health prevented him from working on his projects.

In earlier years he was an avid outdoorsman and a fascinating story teller. He will be terribly missed by his large extended family and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and 4 brothers and his wife of 35 years, Gladys Renfro LeClair.

He is survived by his wife Lucy Bell Bascom, whom he married June 5, 1993; two daughters, Marlene LeClair Spencer of Searchlight, NV and Deanna LeClair Neves of Aztec, NM; eight step children, Chuck Derby of Talihina, OK, Marilyn Bengston of Independence, IA, Bill Derby of Talihina, OK, Judy Morgan, Eileen

Hammons, Robert Derby, Teresa Breshears, all of Antlers, OK, Doug Derby of Moyers; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 21 step-grand and great-grandchildren and a large number of nieces, nephews and friends.

Graveside services were May 17 at Kosoma Cemetery a Memorial service was held May 18 at the Kingdom Hall in Antlers, OK.

Manning

Lawrence Gabriel, 61, died June 28, 2002, in Norman, OK. He was born in Oklahoma City on June 18, 1941. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a descendant of Lee R. Richstatter.

Larry graduated from Central State University. He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Norman. He served in the U.S. Army reserve for six years. Larry loved to sing and spend time with his family and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maurus Manning; sister, Doris Braden; and brother, Michael Manning.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Dana Manning, of Alva, OK; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Greg Checorski, and Cathy and Lin Sasser, all of Norman; mother and stepfather, Geraldine and Oscar Gann, of Oklahoma City; three brothers; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

An Evening Prayer Service was held July 1 at St. Joseph Church in Norman with Mass of Christian Burial on July 2, also at St. Joseph. Interment was at Resthaven Cemetery, in Oklahoma City.

Wolfe

Willie Woodrow Wolfe, 82, of Bentonville, AR, died Sunday, June 2, 2002, at Holland North Nursing Center in Springdale, AR. He was born April 8, 1920, in Konawa, OK, to William and Martha (Curley) Wolfe. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the grandson of Peter Curley.

He moved to Bentonville in 1989 from California. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1945. He was a member of the 12th Bomber Group, Earthquake B-25, serving in Egypt, Lybia, North Africa, Sicily, India and the United States. He not only fought in the war, but also fought yellow fever, cholera and typhoid fever. After the war, he worked on televisions.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include three sisters, Viola Cavender of Durant, OK, Lucille Hughes of Los Angeles, CA, and Nettie Poynor of Bentonville.

Graveside funeral services were held June 5 at the Bentonville Cemetery under the direction of Callison-Lough Funeral

Service with William Spurlock officiating. Military honors were provided by the Northwest Arkansas Honor Guard.

Wright

Hubert Ray "Jiggs" Wright, 62, of Shawnee died Monday at a local hospital.

He was born Sept. 14, 1939, in Stratford, OK to Haskell and Mary (Spear) Wright. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the great-great-grandson of Louis and Rozetta Trombla.

He graduated from Shawnee High School in 1957. He was the owner of Wright Roofing & Maintenance Service and was a member of the Roofers Association.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Catherine Wright; two grandchildren, Rachel and Michael Wright; three aunts and an uncle, Leona Spear, Windola Spear, and Shirley and Tommy Phillips, all of Shawnee.

Graveside services were held June 20 at Tecumseh Cemetery under the direction of Roesch-Walker Funeral Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Flanagan

Mary Catherine Flanagan, 91, born Oct. 10, 1910 in Purcell, OK to W.W. and Lillie Janes, graduated from high school at 16 and received her FIN degree at 19 from St. Anthony's in 1930. She worked 35-plus years "birthing babies" in OB at St. Anthony's and Mercy Hospital.

She married the love of her life, Eugene Flanagan, in 1931 and she died on the anniversary of his death on June 6.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her child Mary Elizabeth, her brother Walter Janes, and sister Ruth Stinson.

Catherine loved family, praying, reading, drawing, painting, arts and crafts, gardening, beer, puzzles, dolls, board games, her smiling monkey, Happy Meals, Star Trek, Wupsy, reciting poetry, and singing old songs.

She is survived by her sister, Velma Bullock; her children; Helen Bloom and spouse George; Mary Ward, Gene Flanagan Jr., Carol Miller, Marian Keef and spouse Ron, Donna Barnard and spouse Howard, Denis Flanagan, Pat Flanagan and spouse Terry; lots of grandchildren, relatives and friends,

"Memories, memories, under skies so blue, o'er the seas of memories I'm drifting back to you. Childhood days, wild-wood days, among the birds and bees; you left me alone, but still I'm your own, in my wonderful memories." (author unknown)

Memorial Mass was held June 18, at Sacred Heart Church, 2706 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City.

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WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following persons were enrolled with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation under Previous Guidelines May 30, 2002:

Stanley Carlton Young
Joni Wren Weingard Rose
Patricia Elizabeth Groseclose
Johnny Marvin Burns
Judy Dawn Wilkerson
Lynette Lee LaClair
Denise Kay Peck Beck
Charles Joseph Fitzgerald, Jr.
Mary Alice LaMar Tello
Phyllis Diane LaMar Wiersig
Dennis Lee Harridge

The following persons were enrolled with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by descendency on May 30, 2002:

Bradley Gene-Chilson Simpson
Mateo Herbert Simpson
Anthony Shawn Vrell
Cameron Justice Vrell
Kevin Conner Williams
Joseph Wayne Dovichi
Keri Denise Bodine Loper
Brad Dean Bodine
Robert Lewis Taylor
Alexandria Rose Taylor
Chase Alexander LaZelle
Bailey Anne LaZelle
Rhea Ann Cook
Harley Madison Gregson
Blake Alan Yort
JoAnna Arlene Trevino
John Andrew Trevino
Kathryn Lynn Jackson
Sarah Vivian Iles
Mary Katherine Umscheid Murray
Ryan Gregory Hernandez
Erin Elizabeth McGuire
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Bradley Dosh Bates
Kayla Sky Henry
Rylee Brynn Kelley
Jackie Rae Kelley
Wyatt Harris Kelley
George Frederick Henderson
Zachariah Ezekiel Henderson
Lauren Leigh Hay Gosnell
Kathalena Marie Gosnell
Amanda Leigh Meade
Kylee Dawn Hunnicutt
Hailey Faye Eilers
Aden Michael Eilers
Krystopher Matthew Fox
Jason Ray Morgan
Shawna Lynn Cody
Jonathan Drue Pershall

Joseph Cameron Pershall
Blake Harold Bogart
Emiley Grace Cole
Wesley Drew Furgerson
Meagan Lu Furgerson
Nathaniel Benton Wilson
Daniel Christopher Wilson
Lindsay Rene' Bickford Phillips
Sara Beth Bickford
Megan Elizabeth Bickford
Zachary Jordan Cooper Fletcher
Kristyn Nichole Warneke
Katelyn Teneal Warneke
Miles Marvin Riley Grayson
Tizena Elizabeth Brown
Zavian George Blake Watson
Angela Frances Pearl Leuthold
Lynn Marie Leuthold
Michael Thomas Leuthold
Bryan Eliot Lehman
Logan Lewis Gear
Matthew Wayne Bennett
Riah Jo Odessa Green
MacKenzie LaDane Green
Theresa Nicole Ramsey
Toshua Kaylin Ramsey
James Mathew Ramsey
Robert Dillon Cutter
Amanda Michelle Rector
Cameron Renee Hoogstraten
Grace Elaine Hall
Regan Simone Conger
Ashleigh Ruth Rose
Michael Arthur Rose
Joseph Anthony Neves
Gina Ann Neves
Hailey Sierra Neves
MeKenzie Ann Vrell
Madison Paige Vrell
Cody Garrett Stephenson
Jacob William Stephenson
Steven Scott Mitchell
Courtney Leigh Mitchell
Kelsey Marie Mitchell
Hanna Brooke Mitchell
Hailey Jo Mitchell
Ryan Gregory Mitchell
Tanner Wade Mitchell
Justin Marshall Shaw
William Rowdy Burris Goodin
Kaianne McKinna Goodin
Joshua Wood Gougaloff
Christopher Wood Gougaloff
Mallory Hope Schwindt
Donnie Lee Amos
Megan Leann Amos
Lindsay Nicole Wardle
Brandon Joseph Wardle
Kandi Renne Rector
Britani Gale Rector
Rose Maria Rector
Carmen Renee' Albarado
Michael Gene Keeton
Maxwell Alexander Simonson
Anna Georgina Simonson
Makenzie Jade Shatto
Stacy Ann Johnson Zimmerman

Aaron John Simon
Elizabeth Marie Summers
Dakota Allen Hayes
Luke Aaron Hayes
Lane Robert Hayes
Wyatt J. Hayes
Joseph William Bouska, Jr.
Dominic Louise Brown
Sharon Lee Hill
Sharaya Elizabeth Beck
Christian Drew Tyler Beck
Jana Lee Kille Parkinson
Cristina Thomas Parkinson
Rachel Elizabeth Parkinson
David Hugh Parkinson
Natalie Kille Parkinson
Samantha Elizabeth Fisher
Courtney DeLin Wolfe Williams
Jason Lee Williams
Alan Keith Williams
Ashley Nicole Williams
Shelee Kay Williams Shafer
Kayla Ann Shafer
Riley Alan Shafer
Keitha Dawn Schimmel
Doyle Edward Herron, Jr.
Ashley Nicole Herron
Kimberly Dawn Herron
Braden Hurley Ziegler

Zachary Lee Johnson
Amie Krysanne Johnson
Edyn Keely McAlister
Stacy Louise Hill Roscoe
Lauren Renee Trapp
Morgan Lee Ross
Ayrton Salvador Hignojo
Mark Andrew Jordan Ryczek
Brendan Shae Parker Ryczek
Clayton Leon Holbrook
Mary Helen Holbrook Young
Dallas Thomas Nolan
Olivia Nicole Hubble
Jamie Nalani Gradle
David Daniel Baglin, Jr.
Suzanne Danielle Seger Lewis
John Wesley Lewis
Eric Scott Seger
Robert Harold Johnson
Raymond Jared Lukens
Loni David Darden
Wesley Wayne Burger
Brittany Michelle Cook
Kaitlyn Nicole Armitage
Nicholas Wade Kennedy
Nathan Alexander Kennedy
Brandon Cory Kennedy
Naomi Eve Kennedy



THANK YOU!

I want to thank those who supported me in the race for Secretary/Treasurer. It is with great honor that I take on the responsibility of this position.

I look forward to serving you, the people of our great Nation. I encourage all of you to ask questions of this committee and of me.

I can be contacted at
dtrousdale@potawatomi.org.

Again, I thank you for your support.



Judge Phil Lujan administers the oath of office to Vice Chairman Linda Capps immediately following General Council. Court Clerk Vicki Lofton holds the Bible.



Judge Lujan administered the oath of office to new Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale on the Monday after the election, as Lofton again holds the Bible.

Large crowd hears reports at General Council

By GLORIA TROTTER

A sometimes tempestuous General Council meeting drew the largest crowd ever to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation bingo hall June 29, but a resounding victory for Vice Chairman Linda Capps and D. Wayne Trousdale as Secretary-Treasurer took the wind out of the sails of dissidents who attempted to dominate the meeting. Capps and Trousdale were supported by Chairman Rocky Barrett in the annual election and promised their support for the governmental reforms advocated by Barrett during the year.

More than an hour of questions, many from a small group of Barrett's critics reading from typed notes brought to the meeting, followed a series of glowing reports on the condition of the tribe's finances and enterprises. Auditor Jeff Detwiler said the past year had been one of "incredible growth and stability, but also growing pains." Citing a "learning curve" on the year-old grocery store, FireLake Discount Foods, he said many changes were made in recent months and that as of June 28, he could report that the store's revenues were up 30 percent for May and June, the only two months that can be compared with the previous year.

"It's on a stable footing," he said, "and is a steady source of sales tax revenue."

Detwiler said the tribe has a total equity, or net worth, of \$40 million, with a steady increase of 15 percent over the past five years. Assets as of Oct. 1, 2001, were \$123 million. He praised Rhonda Butcher's efforts in self-governance for bringing in about \$50 million in grants. He said copies of financial statements and annual reports are available for anyone who asks so "you can make your own analysis instead of just listening to those around you."

Chairman Barrett read the attorney's report, noting that there has been no non-tribal litigation during the past year.

First National Bank & Trust president Larry Briggs reported asset growth of

18.1 percent for 2001, and total assets of \$75.1 million. "Our loan growth is stable with a small increase," he said, "but it is increasing in 2002." Deposits totaled \$67.5 million, up more than 18 percent, and asset growth was at 21.7 percent. Briggs said net income was down because of a "major loan loss, but we will collect most of that money in 2002." He cited the bank's "excellent relationship with the community. "We donate time and leadership as well as money," he said. "We are the fastest growing bank in town, and it is due to the vision of the directors."

Vice Chairman Linda Capps announced that every enrolled tribal member "now has a burial policy." She said the Business Committee has recently made the change after determining it could be funded based on her research and urging. "You don't

have to enroll," she said, explaining that tribal members will be asked to designate a beneficiary.

Barrett, who had opened the meeting by noting that General Councils "have taken many forms over the years," including hostile takeovers in the early 1980s, later noted that the tribe's role in the community has been the subject of media attention and even legislative examination in the past year, particularly in regard to the grocery store.

"We have an incredible impact," he pointed out. "We spent \$56.6 million in the community in 2001. We're the second largest employer in Shawnee with 623 employees." Noting that the "potential for Oklahoma's growth is with its Indian tribes," he said the tribe had just been notified that its tobacco compact had been terminated and would have to be

renegotiated. "We anticipate the state will attempt to increase what they collect," he said.

Barrett then opened the floor to questions. There were a series of accusatory questions involving tribal financial matters which became so heated that Barrett reminded them disorderly conduct charges could be brought. But there were just as many who rose to thank Barrett for his integrity and leadership, prompting at least one standing ovation for the chairman.

A question about the scholarship program brought a response from Committeeman Hilton Melot, who said more than 900 scholarships worth more than \$200,000 had been given to 405 students, a 60 percent increase in the last five years. "We try to help the person

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ELECTION ABSTRACT POTAWATOMI TRIBAL ELECTION JUNE 29TH, 2002

Vice Chairman

Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
Linda Capps	821	286	1107
John Rhodd	251	205	456

Secretary/Treasurer

Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
D. Wayne Trousdale	728	233	961
Mike Wood	337	257	594

Budget, Land, Development, Maintenance

Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
Yes	846	233	1079
No	178	150	328



Patricia Vandegriff was again one of two ladies recognized as the eldest tribal members present. She is 91 years old.



Also honored was Nila Nadeau Locke, who is also 91 years old. Both received Pendleton blankets from Chairman Barrett.



Traveling farthest to attend the General Council meeting was Heather Mehl, a tribal member from Denmark.

General Council (continued from previous page)

in the middle," he said. "We don't turn anyone down unless they have bad grades as a junior or senior." He said the scholarships are funded by the enterprises, trust money and the tribal housing authority.

When several questions were asked about the revised constitution proposed by Barrett, particularly where paying him a salary was concerned, Capps rose to speak with intensity. She noted that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is "the only tribe that doesn't pay its chairman, and I'm not proud of that ... This constitutional change is for our children and their children. Let's pray about it, study it and work on it for a year and get us a constitution we can live with." Her remarks drew another standing ovation.

Election Committee chairman Gary Bourbonnais appeared with the results before the session ended, reporting that Capps had won re-election over John Rhodd 1,107 to 456, and D. Wayne Trousdale had defeated Mike Wood 961 to 594 for the secretary-treasurer position. Capps was sworn in immediately following the council meeting, and Trousdale, who was unable to attend the meeting, early the next week.

Also present for the General Council was Committeeman J.P. Motley. Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno became ill and was unable to attend. Neither he nor Committeemen Motley and Melot attended the Saturday evening traditional dance festivities or made the Grand Entry into the dance arena with the other elected officials that opens the reunion family Indian honor dances.



Linda Capps listens as grand prize art winner Norma Jean McCarty tells about her watercolor/pencil drawing of Bee Brant Coppage in 19th century Potawatomi dress. Second place was won by Beverly Fentress with her watercolor "Dancing Deer," and third place went to Dereatha Browder for her traditional dress, beadwork and jewelry.



Left: Chairman Barrett with nine-day-old Christopher Thomas, the youngest enrolled tribal member present. At right, Vice Chairman Capps poses with Neoma Baptiste, who after declaring herself the mother with the most children also received a blanket.





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Marine Corps Veteran Bill Peltier



Dot Bryan Of Texas



Barbara Phillips Makes A Shawl



Church Service



Abbi Miessel



Dance Lessons



Gourd Dancing



Country & Western Dance

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Andrew Cleveland, 2nd Place
Dominos, 11-15 Age Group



Clay Stiles, 1st Place Chess,
11-15 Age Group



Courtney Hicks, 2nd Place
Dominos, 10 & Under



David Pecore, 1st Place
Chess, 10 & Under



Ester Littlehead, 1st Place
Dominos, 10 & Under



Jessica Hernandez, 2nd
Place Checkers, Ages 11-15



Nya Beesley, 2nd Place
Checkers, 10 & Under



Rachel Jackson, 2nd Place
Chess, 10 & Under



Tarran Beesley, 1st Place
Checkers, 10 & Under



Wilson Littlehead, 1st Place
Checkers, Dominos; 2nd Place
Chess, 11-15 Age Group



Above: A Young Man Poses For His Photo. Below: A
Group Of Kids Enjoy The Refreshing Water Fountain.
Photos Taken By Michelle Jones



Contests, Games & Just
Plain Fun For The Kids!

All Festival
Photos Taken
By Dennette
Bare, Holly
Gordon &
Gloria Trotter





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First Place, Volleyball: Back row, Hub Reed, Steve Merrill, Kathy Henry, Greg Henry; front, Michael Moore, Bryan Duncan, Kristen Henry, Josh Merrill



1st Place, Mini-Putt: Shannon Wells



Second Place, Mini-Putt: Richard Minyard



Second Place, Volleyball: Jeremy Finch, Jeff Kieffer, Jennifer Weddle, Jon Weddle, Earnest Hobdy, Julio Sanchez, Erica Powell and Patrick Cobb



Third Place, Mini-Putt: Patrick Cobbs



Paul Rhodd



Third Place, Volleyball: Brian Overstreet, Chad Fowler, Christy Fowler, Nathaniel Ward, Roger Ward, Scott Phipps, Tisha Phipps, Jason Rector



Loretta Miller, Health Services



Fourth Place, Volleyball: Les Foughty, Brian Foughty, Cassie Williams, Justin Bowles, Pam Kurr, Ray Kurr, Shane Williams, Steve Lumry



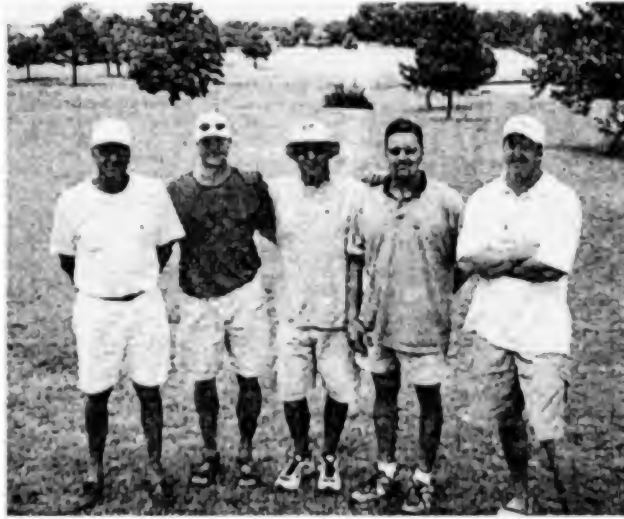
**John Bourbonnais And Other Veterans
Retire The Flag**



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First Place, Golf: Paul Mulanax, Lana Ogee, Phillip Ogee Jr., Barry Watson, Dave Birmingham



Second Place, Golf: Ken Bruno, Brad Bruno, Chance Patterson, Barry Bruno and Matt Bearden



First Place, Front Nine, Night Golf: Aaron Capps, Larry Brown, Johnny Smith, Richard Minyard and Don Jackson



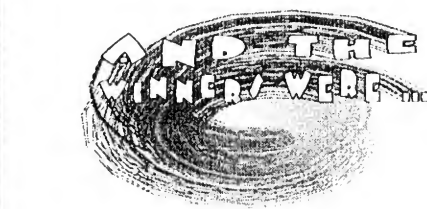
Third Place, Golf: Larry Ogee Jr., Leslee Ogee, Phil Ogee Sr., Harold Naughton, Kent Naughton



Scotch Doubles: First Place, Shelly and Ed Schneider; Second Place, Al Williams and Kevin Dotson; Third Place, Cory Culley and John Nelson



Second Place, Night Golf, Back Nine : Michael Rose, Jerry Gayer, Cody Gayer, Danny Wood, Rocky Larney



Hand Games Winning Team: Anita Birmingham, Dave Birmingham, Dr.Keith O'Brien, Pat Brollier, Margaret Zientek, Rosie Canfield, Truth LaClair, Dan LaClair, Stewart LaClair and Natalie LaClair



First Place, Night Golf, Back Nine: Ken Bruno, Barry Bruno, Brad Bruno, Matt Bearden and Chance Patterson



Women's Dance Winners:
Courtney Bowlen,
MaryAnn Bell,
Margaret Zientek, Peggy Kinder, Carla Walker



Men's Dance Winners:
Randy L. Hyatt Sr.,
Jesse James,
Jeremy Finch,
Sam James,
Coby Lehman



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First Place Checkers:
Aaron Espolt



First Place Chess: Mike Moore, with
Bob Trousdale



Third Place, Long Bow: Marc Stagner



First Place, Long Bow:
David Cross



Second Place Checkers: Eddie
Moore (right), pictured with Gary
Smith



Second Place Chess: Chad Draper,
pictured with Bob Trousdale



Third Place, Compound: Si Fentress



**Second Place,
Compound:**
Randall Nunley



Third Place Checkers: Randy
Harrod, pictured with Gary Smith



Third Place Chess: Rick Tilley,
pictured with Linda Capps



**First Place,
Compound:** Mike
Bare, pictured
with Linda Capps.
Mike has won this
division for the
last three years.



First Place Dominoes: Leo Roberts,
pictured with Linda Capps



**Second
Place
Dominoes:**
Wes
Meeks



**Third Place
Dominoes:**
Dianne
Howell



Men's Horseshoes: Hilton Melot, 1st Place Winner Mark Mulanax, 2nd Place Winner Bobby Honsanger, 3rd Place Winner Mark Masquas and Mike Wood.



Women's Horseshoes: Hilton Melot, 1st Place Winner Barbara Evans, 2nd Place Winner Heather Blakey, 3rd Place Winner Wendy Mulanax, Mike Wood.

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First Place, Men's 3 on 3: Chris Foreman, Heath Foreman, Randall Foreman



First Place, Mixed 3 on 3: Scott Phipps, Tisha Phipps, Nate Ward



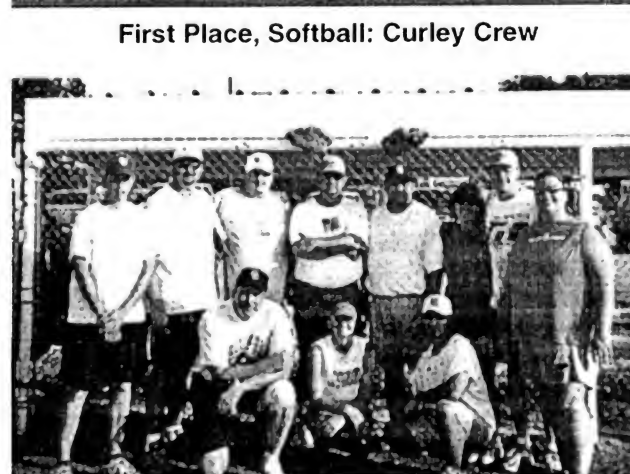
First Place, Softball: Curley Crew



Second Place, Men's 3 on 3: William Howell, Jesse Factor, Cody Lehman



Second Place, Mixed 3 on 3: Chad Kaminski, Brooki Beasley, Ben Coffee



Second Place, Softball: Capps Team



Third Place, Men's 3 on 3: Joe Brown, Mike Ponkilla, Ben Long



Third Place, Mixed 3 on 3: Kelli Fuqua, Shawn Hubble, Ryan Hubble



Third Place, Softball: Higbee Team



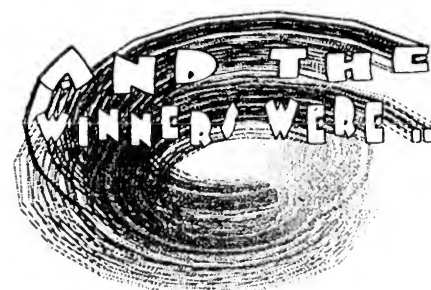
Car Contest: 2nd Place Winner
Virginia Greenwood



Car Contest: 3rd Place Winner
Tommy Mitchell

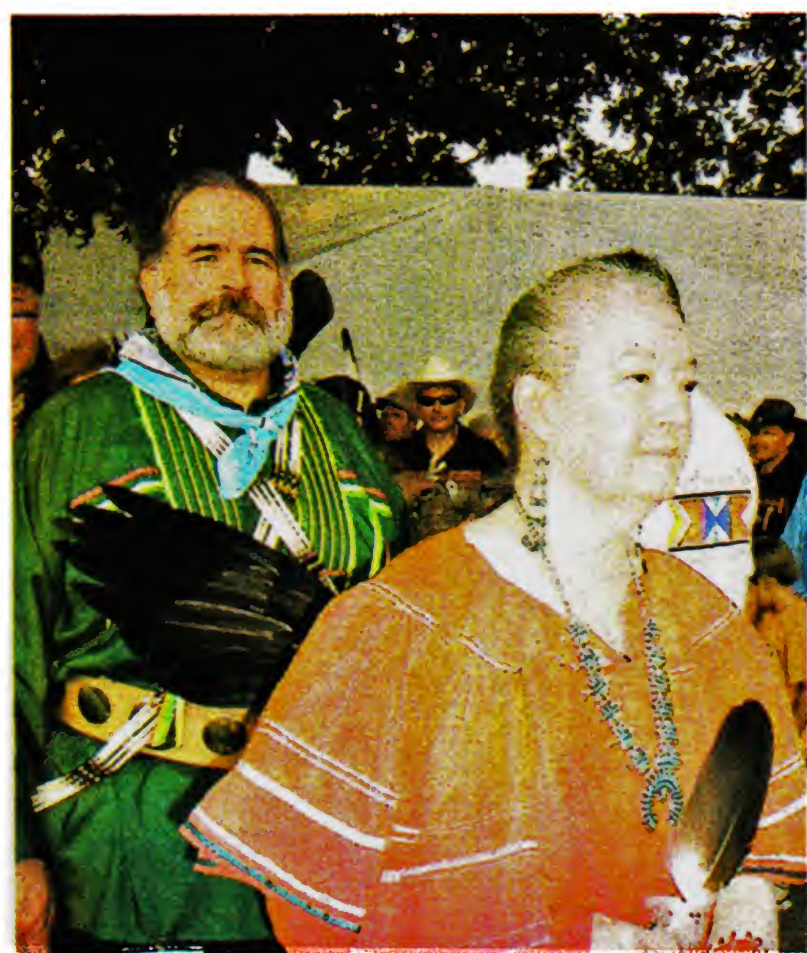
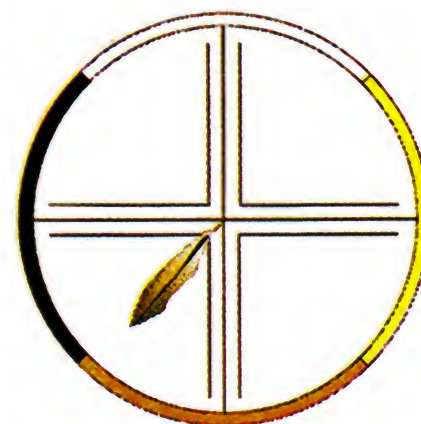


Fourth Place, Softball: Smith Team





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Chuck Clark named new tribal rolls director

Charles 'Chuck' Clark, born and raised in Norman, OK, has been named the new director of Tribal Rolls. Chuck, a Citizen Potawatomi descendent of Nora Bertrand, has been working with the tribe since October 2001, at which time he began working in Tribal Rolls and Tribal Archives. He has also played an active role in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act grant and the library.

Long before the tribe became what it is now, Chuck remembers coming to Shawnee with his father to visit and driving down a one-lane dirt road to the tribal office located in a trailer. In his quest to learn more about his tribe, Chuck has been studying the language and culture and hopes to one day help to design a program from which all tribal members can learn.

Chuck has many visions about his new role as director of Tribal Rolls and recognizes the contribution of previous keepers of the tribal rolls: "I believe it started with Mrs. Bernard Heer in the '50s and '60s, then the many years of work by Beverly Hughes, then the 1980s with so many people turning over in the job, then Mary Farrell did a great job to straighten things out in the '90s. The Tribal Rolls Director is a vital tribal employee. The person in this job must be excited about the most essential element in any tribe - its families. I am grateful for the dedication of all of



those who did this job in our tribe's past."

Clark avidly supports the new plan to upgrade the current tribal rolls data management system to make it more able to provide information that tribal members seek, including family history and genealogy. He envisions increased cooperation between the various tribal

departments to help them reach the tribal population with many services. When asked about his first few days on the job, Chuck said, "My immediate goal is to cooperate in the installation of the computer software that will allow tribal members to access their family information via the Internet. I know that the job ahead of me is a big one, but I am determined to see that this long overdue service is ready for use before the next Heritage Festival."

Chuck also looks forward to the new projects prompted by the election of Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D.Wayne Trousdale: "I am really excited about the veterans

memorial project that Linda Capps has spearheaded and being able to tie the data collected from it to tribal rolls. I agree with Vice-Chairman Capps that our veterans' stories need to be accessible to family historians through tribal rolls as well as being honored in the memorial in the new Culture and Tourism Center."

Recognizing that the Tribal Consti-

tution requires that the Secretary-Treasurer "keep a correct list of all of the enrolled members of the Council and a correct list of all the enrolled members of the Tribe," Clark emphasized his dedication to providing Secretary-Treasurer Trousdale with regular reports of the systematic updating of the tribal rolls. "One of the biggest problems we have had in the past is the ability to update the tribal roll as our members pass away, relying on notices from family and what few newspapers we see. D.Wayne Trousdale has proposed a direct computer verification link with the Social Security Administration that will allow us to receive notice as soon as the federal government records it just like the states do. I think this is a great idea and I will work to see that it happens."

While living in Norman, OK, Chuck worked as a pharmacy technician and in his spare time researched and wrote a book, *Lynchings in Oklahoma: A History of Frontier Vigilantism in the Twin Territories in the State of Oklahoma from 1830-1930*. The book is available on CD-Rom by e-mailing cnclark1959@aol.com. He is in the process of revising his book and hopes that later this summer it will be ready for print.

To contact Chuck at the tribal headquarters, call 800-880-9880 or e-mail him at cclark@potawatomi.org.

THANK YOU!

To all the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members who cast their vote in my favor, I want you to know how much I appreciate your 71 percent vote of confidence. From the hundreds of well-wishes I have received in the form of e-mails, cards, letters, telephone calls, personal acknowledgements, and flowers your message is clear...you want the present trend of growth to continue for our Nation.

To those who supported my opponent, please do not think that I would ever slight you or your family. I stand proud as your Vice Chairman and pledge to work for all tribal members for the betterment of our Nation.

Sincerely,
Linda Capps



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!

As of July 1, 2002, every enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a \$1000 burial policy.

In the next issue of the HowNiKan, we will be publishing a form for you to designate a beneficiary.

4th CPN Heritage Festival has biggest Grand Entry ever

By DENNETTE BARE

The 4th annual Heritage Festival began as many family reunions do — with an introduction here, a hug there and stories about days of old. There were many in attendance who had never been to the Festival before and were given the opportunity to be a part of the "Potawatomi way." There were more Potawatomi in Grand Entry than ever before. Each year the number who join in Grand Entry grows and it becomes more colorful with Potawatomi of all ages eager to share in this wonderful event.

Throughout the weekend, families came together to participate in the sporting events and share the fun and fellowship that has become the Heritage Festival. It is exciting to watch the young children as they enter the dance arena with their shawls and sashes and follow the lead of their parents and grandparents. This is what



Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps Follow The Flags Into The Arena In The Largest Grand Entry Ever At A Heritage Festival

the Heritage Festival is about — family and tradition.

With the growth of the Festival each year, it becomes apparent that more activities

are needed to ensure that there are activities for all in attendance. To that end, this

year a moccasin making and a shawl making class were

added. These classes drew such a large crowd that gift shop director Leslie Deer is offering another moccasin making class Sept. 17, 2002.

Participants were given the chance to learn how to fringe a shawl and how to stitch a pair of moccasins — the first of many steps in creating your own regalia.

This year's Heritage Festival also proved to be one in which voting history was made. For the first time in Potawatomi history, there were more live votes cast than ever before — more Potawatomi came to the Longroom to cast their vote than in years past. Unlike last year, the general council did not have to wait until the wee hours of the morning to find out the election results — Gary Bourbonnais announced the winners before General Council ended.

The Festival came to an end with the volleyball tournament and the sundown motorcycle ride through Southern Pottawatomie County. And as with most family reunions, the goodbyes were long. But one thing is for certain, fun was had by all who attended.

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To attend this class, pre-register with Leslie Deer at 405-275-3119.

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ATTENTION VETERANS!

To honor the efforts of our veterans, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is in the process of creating a memorial. If you are a veteran of the Armed Forces, please forward the following information:

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- Branch of Service
- Tribal Roll Number
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Please send the information to Dennette Bare by e-mail at dbrand@potawatomi.org or ground mail at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.



All-State

The 7th Annual Oklahoma Indian All-State Basketball Tournament was held June 14 & 15, 2002, at Bacone College in Muskogee, OK. Kassie Roselius, descendent of Hattie Vieux, was the only Potawatomi tribal member represented in the games. She was the high scorer for the South Team, scoring 10 points and was 5 for 6 from the free-throw line, 1 for 2 on three-pointers and 1 for 3 on field goals. She was named to the 2002 All-Star Team and the Oklahoma Indian All-State First Team.

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A donation in the amount of \$300 has been given to the tribal scholarship fund by Robert Barnes, in loving memory of his mother, **Elizabeth Holland Melot**. On behalf of the scholarship recipients, we thank you.



Oklahoma Regional Art Competition Winners



Beverly K. Fentress won first place in the Oklahoma Regional Art Competition with her watercolor "Dancing Deer"



Clara Edmon was second with her oil painting "All Dressed Up"



Jennifer Randell won third place with her pottery "Indian Corn"

New water district is behind schedule; still time to apply

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Rural Water District #3 from Wanette, OK, are anxious for the completion of the new water district in Southern Pottawatomie County. The water towers have been erected and the water treatment unit is presently being assembled. Work on this unit should be completed within 60 days.

Three crews are presently laying water line in an attempt to meet their Au-

gust 2002 deadline. To date, it appears that a 90-day extension may be necessary due to easement problems and the weather. Phases I and II of this project are on track and should be complete in the near future. However, Phase III is behind schedule and could see as much as a six-month delay in the completion of this part of the water district.

Tony Smith, the water district manager and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's

OEH Department met June 14, 2002, to discuss the need for a fire hydrant at HWY 177 and Romulus Road at the cemetery. The hydrant will provide a much needed water source for the local fire department and will serve approximately 30 homes and a church in the area. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has agreed to fund the cost of the fire hydrant through the OEH Department.

Completion of different phases of the

district are nearing end and the construction department of OEH will soon begin laying water lines to homes of those who have applied and been approved for services. Presently, we have over 100 applications with new ones coming in daily. If you are Native American and wish to be a part of the Rural Water District #3 call 405-878-4672 or come by the OEH Department at 41707 Hardesty Road in Shawnee, OK for an application.



Bauzho Nicon!

My name is Edwin A. 'Scotty' Howard. I am a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. My mother was Emily Adelaide (Holloway) Howard. My father was Joseph William Howard, Sr. Some of my relations are members of the Jackson, Dobbins, Mellott, Melot and Navarre families. I am very proud of my

Potawatomi heritage.

I am president of a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization called Midwest Jubilee, Inc., a music production corporation. We produce the Midwest Bluegrass Festival which will be held August 23-24, 2002 at the Citizen Potawatomi Pow-wow Grounds.

Bluegrass music stems from folk and traditional country music and is a great listening genre.

We would like to see this festival grow to be one of the main events in Oklahoma. You can help make it grow by coming to the festival and supporting it by being a part of the listening audience.

Hope to see you there!

Megwetch,
Scotty Howard

Midwest Bluegrass Festival August 23 & 24, 2002

Friday, August 23, 2002

10:00 a.m.	Workshops (live and video instrumental instruction) Guitar, Bass, Mandolin, Banjo, Dobro, Fiddle, Spoons
6:00 p.m.	Guest Bands
7:00 p.m.	Scotty and Tommie Howard and Set-N-Pretty Band
7:45 p.m.	The Arbuckles
8:30 p.m.	Jim Paul Dance Company Cloggers
9:00 p.m.	Star Canyon
9:45 p.m.	Cedar Ridge
10:30 p.m.	High Ground
11:15 p.m.	The Duffin Family
Midnight	Midnight Open Stage Jam

Saturday, August 24, 2002

10:00 a.m.	Guest Bands
Noon	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	Scotty and Tommie Howard and Set-N-Pretty Band
1:45 p.m.	Star Canyon
2:30 p.m.	High Ground
3:00 p.m.	Jim Paul Dance Company Cloggers
3:30 p.m.	Cedar Ridge
4:15 p.m.	The Duffin Family
5:00 p.m.	The Arbuckles
5:45 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00 p.m.	Guest Bands
7:00 p.m.	Scotty and Tommie Howard and Set-N-Pretty Band
7:45 p.m.	Cedar Ridge
8:30 p.m.	Jim Paul Dance Company Cloggers
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The Arbuckles	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Cedar Ridge	Shawnee, Oklahoma
The Duffin Family	Montague, Texas
High Ground	Newcastle, Oklahoma
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Housing Authority,

This is a letter to thank you immensely for the housing assistance this spring semester. I really appreciate the assistance thus far in my education.

I've learned a lot this semester and look forward to the fall semester as well! My education has become more and more important to me as I realize the great value to help others through obtaining a degree.

Thanks again and God bless!

Holly M. Olsen

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to say thank you to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for the scholarships I have received over the past three years.

Thank you,

Jamie L. Mulanax



CPN Mail Bag

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so very much for the scholarship money for the 2001-2002 school year. With your help, I have obtained my associates degree in science from Seminole State College. I plan to attend St. Gregory's University to finish my studies in elementary education.

The help has been a blessing and is truly appreciated.

Thank you again,

Nicole Jenks

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I just wanted to thank you for the money that I have received throughout my first year of college at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. During my first year at UNLV it was nice to have a little bit of financial support from the Tribe for various schooling costs.

Thank you so much for the scholarship money it is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bruechert

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation would like to thank Dorothy Hicks for her \$200 contribution to the Southwest Regional Meeting. Dorothy is a very generous lady who loves her Nation and continually wants to do something to show her support. Thank you Dorothy for you continued contributions to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its people.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation



Oklahoma Baptist University has received a gift from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the amount of \$450 for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Scholarship for Justin Wesselhoft. The students, faculty and staff of Oklahoma Baptist University appreciate your generosity.

John A. Patterson

Vice President for Development

Native American gubernatorial candidate visits Festival, seeks support

Dear Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Capps:

My husband, Senator Enoch Kelly Haney, and I attended this year's Potawatomi Festival with your permission to set up a booth to promote his candidacy for the office of Governor for the state of Oklahoma.

As you know, Kelly is full-blood Seminole/Creek, and I am Citizen Potawatomi and a descendent from the Holloway family. Like my husband, I am extremely proud of my heritage, but unlike my husband, I did not grow up in the traditional ways.

I have attended past festivals, but because we had a booth this year, I was able to talk to many people and found a blood connection with several. These "strangers" were my family!

Our forefathers were so wise and courageous to hold to their business sense during such horrific times such as the removals. Even under their duress, they outwitted their oppressors and made a way for future leaders, such as

yourselves, to care for our people. I commend your work in the growth of our nation.

My husband has flown to Washington D.C. on several occasions to fight for tribal sovereignty. The National Governor's Association has taken adversary positions against tribal sovereignty and Kelly would be a strong voice on behalf of tribal government.

Thanks to people like you who give your support, Oklahomans may find they have elected a leader who genuinely understands state government and the issues pertaining to tribal sovereignty. In that event, I will become the first Potawatomi to become First Lady of Oklahoma and I will certainly share the pride of our heritage.

My husband's campaign website is www.haney2002.com. I urge everyone to read about him and support him in the upcoming primary election on August 27th.

Sincerely,

Debra Haney



Haney joins dancers in the arena



Chairman Barrett, Sen. Haney shake hands at Heritage Festival



Debra Haney introduces Loretta Barrett Oden to a fellow Potawatomi

CPN program spotlighted in magazine article

The following article was taken from the February Employment & Training Reporter.

'PEOPLE OF THE FIRE' CREATING JOBS WITH NEW FUND RULES

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation may be the first grantee to make use of new rules approved in 2000 to promote job creation in Indian communities by easing restrictions on the use of job training money for economic development.

Previously, creating jobs was considered an economic development activity and largely frowned upon if done with job training funds, even on Indian reservations and tribal lands, where unemployment averages more than 40 percent.

The Omnibus Indian Advancement Act of 2000, PL 106-568, amended the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992. That law, PL 102-477, or "477" as it is commonly known, allows tribal entities to pool related federal employment and training grant funds into a single plan, budget and reporting system.

The amendments passed in December 2000 allow tribes participating in the 477 program to use up to 25 percent of the 477 funds for economic development efforts. The purpose of the amendments is to test whether Indian tribal governments can improve the effectiveness of job services and reduce joblessness in Indian communities by integrating the employment, training, and related services they provide with economic development.

"We are the only tribe in the nation to have, at this point, taken advantage of the amendment, though other tribes are working on it," said Margaret Zientek, assistant director of employment and training for the tribe.

The Potawatomi, which means People of the Place of the Fire, operate out of Shawnee, Okla., on former reservation lands a little more than 30 miles east of Oklahoma City.

The nation used approximately \$75,000 in funds from its 477 pot to help pay the initial salaries of employees who were in training to work at a grocery store the tribe recently built.

The FireLake Discount Foods store, at approximately 80,000 square feet, is among the largest in the state. It has a delicatessen and full-service bakery and offers Internet shopping. The facility needed to pay salaries as well as suppliers before income was generated, said Zientek.

Employment at the store was originally projected to be between 200 and 250 people, but the facility ultimately hired approximately 280 individuals, about 60 percent of them in part-time or seasonal positions. Approximately 105, or 37 percent of the hires, were Indians. The store had nearly 1,000 job applications even before the hiring process began.

The Potawatomi received approval from the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to use 10 percent of its 477 money on the project, though a little less than 10 percent was actually used, said Zientek.

Previously, there were strings tied to using job training money for economic development. Tribes were allowed to use funds for individuals, microenterprises and small businesses. Generally, job training funds would have been used to buy equipment for training purposes and not for salaries for a group of employees in training. Under the change, funds can be targeted to a business and used on salaries, said Zientek.

"We didn't have to qualify 105 individuals one by one," she said.

In a similar venture, Potawatomi workforce development officials helped a tribally owned agriculture business hire and train 19 seasonal workers in 2001 for an 11,000-acre farm the tribe purchased in 2000. The project used \$25,000 for salaries, creating jobs for 15 tribe members, who mechanically harvested sweet potatoes that were sold in the store.

In 2002, workforce officials are looking to fund an irrigation system for the farm, whose installation would expand the need for workers.

Off the Reservation

Since the tribe is not on a reservation, finding employment for participants is not as difficult as it could be, said Carol Clay Levi, director of employment and training.

The proximity to Oklahoma City and manufacturing in the area provide the Potawatomi access to jobs, she added.

Generally, Indians tend to have higher dropout rates than other groups and live in more rural settings where transportation is a problem.

A household that consists of three family units usually has just one car. They also need help with work - appropriate dress and uniform expenses as do other groups low-income people, Zientek related.

Workforce officials can subsidize a job with WIA funds, but helping to create jobs builds a workforce that is not dependent on government help. "They won't have to come to us if we can create jobs," said Levi.

The Potawatomi operate in a five-county area, and three of those counties - Oklahoma, Cleveland and Pottawatomie, where Shawnee is located - have the highest TANF reciprocity rates of Oklahoma's 77 counties. The unemployment rate in Pottawatomie for December 2001 was 5.2 percent, the highest of the counties in the tribe's workforce area.

Unemployment among Indians living on or near reservations in 1999 averaged 43 percent. Among the employed, the

poverty rate averaged 33 percent, according to a recent General Accounting Office report,

Economic Development; Federal Assistance Programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

On some reservations the situation is much worse, the report notes. For instance, the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota has an 85 percent unemployment rate and 63 percent poverty rate, GAO says.

The oversight agency identified 98 economic development programs available to assist tribes and tribal members, which are operated by 18 federal agencies. The majority of programs, over two-thirds, are run by four Cabinet agencies - the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development and Interior - and the Small Business Administration.

"Although agencies generally reported that their programs have assisted economic development in ways such as creating and retaining jobs, little information is known about the effectiveness of these programs as they relate to Indians," says GAO.

There has long been a movement among Indian and Native American

grantees and supporters to create closer ties between economic development and job training, and loosen the restrictions on job training funds, said Norm DeWeaver, director of the Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition.

JTPA largely prohibited grantees from spending money on economic development activities, and WIA has been an improvement, he said.

WIA regulations at Part 667.262 prohibit local areas from spending funds "on employment-generating activities, economic development and other similar activities, unless they are directly related to training for eligible individuals." However, funds may be spent on employer outreach and job development activities, including WIA staff participation on economic development boards and commissions, say the regulations (ETR Reference File p. 91:0546).

Under JTPA, some Native American grantees were so wary of spending funds on economic development activities that they would not even meet with development officials, noted DeWeaver.

- Christopher Maloney

REGIONAL REPORTS

Southwest

Hello Southwest Region, People of the Fire...speaking of which, we have certainly had our share in Colorado, and Arizona (fire, that is). Right in the middle of all the commotion here, I still had the call of the Festival for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It gets better every year. I see more and more coming from my home state, Arizona. However you like to travel, they make it easy in Shawnee. There is all the food you can eat, drinks to fill the thirst, RV parking, campgrounds, motels, hotels, and some have family living there. They make it a wonderful reunion.

The family tents were there and the dances honoring our ancestors continue. What a GREAT family memory to build for your children. I watched people learning how to make their own moccasins, archery, Indian fry bread, playing traditional hand games, and participating in ceremonial dancing. Our own Leslie Deer sharing her God-given talent of dance. There is so much to learn during the festival, you have to go year to year. There is no way you could learn it all.

It is hard to explain or share the feeling you have when you enter the ceremonial circle. A light airy chill starts at the feet and fills your body, and warms the heart. It reminds us where we came from and to give gratitude for the gift of life. Whatever your religion, it is one of the most spiritual experiences you can share with your creator. It is a bond you can share with your family and pass on to the children. You have all been blessed with more family than most. Enjoy your heritage while you can and pass it on while there is still time.

I have heard so many elders comment with "I wish I had..." I have promised myself not to be one looking back wishing I had. To have an opportunity to get to know Chairman Rocky Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, the committee, Hilton Melot, J.P. Motley, Gene Bruno, and Bob Trousedale, just to name a few, because there are so many who work hard on our behalf and are committed to insuring you have a wonderful time, you can only be aware by experiencing the festival personally. He said, She said, doesn't work. Those of you who attended this year know what I am saying is true.

Start making plans now for next year, if you didn't attend this year. Believe me you won't be sorry. You will go home knowing you really are POTAWATOMI.

Gene Lambert

Colorado Regional Council



Aaron Michael McEathren was the youngest enrolled member present.



Sam McCollum was the wisest member present at the young age of 82 years.



Donie Ha Smalley traveled the farthest distance, 600 miles.



Cheryl DeGraff and Bob Page. This was Bob's first regional meeting.



From left: Bob Trousdale, Nancy Jane Peterson and Hilton Melot. Nancy's sister, Doris Cochran, won 1st place for her pencil drawing "Old Wise Man."



Melot, Alan Becker and Trousdale. Alan won 2nd place with his oil painting "Eagle."



Trousdale, third place art winner Judy Becker and Melot.



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Office of National Drug Control Policy

Chairman Barrett talks about 'the Potawatomi way'

Bouzho, Nicon (Hello, my friends), I was so proud of the great turnout at the Heritage Festival this year. Each day's activities were well attended and everyone was having a lot of fun, especially the kids. This is our fourth year for the Family Reunion Dance and more and more people are putting together their own regalia and joining in on the dancing on Saturday. In the last four years the number of Citizen Potawatomi who are dancing has gone from the bare handful during our "intertribal powwow" days to nearly four hundred who wore their colors and entered in the grand entry this year. It is so much more meaningful, and traditional, that our celebration is about Citizen Potawatomi founding family reunions.

All tribes are interrelated families. Our tribe, all 26,000 of us, is made up of some forty families that came down from Kansas after the Treaty of 1867. Over the centuries, each of our families intermarried. The Heritage Festival's recognition of the fact that we are all related to each other is so much more meaningful than the way we used to do it. Honoring the family that we descend from and its place in our heritage is simply more Potawatomi than the pan-Indian "powwow" format we used to have, with its "powwow royalty" — "a princess" and "head-man" this and "head-lady" that. These titles are not a part of our celebrations now.

While I enjoy watching the modern powwows on occasion, today's "powwow" has created its own culture — a culture that is not identifiable with any particular tribe. It celebrates some of the traditions of several tribes, but it has created so many of its own that the intertribal powwow format is no longer representative of Citizen Potawatomi traditions. Many of the modern powwow "traditions" are about money, and the demand for it by powwow professionals. You see a great deal of dancing with someone in the front row holding a hat full of money. A lot of these dances for money and the endless "give aways" are represented as necessary "out of respect for tradition," when they are really about raising money for their actual occupation: going to powwows and living the powwow life style.

I sincerely hope all of you have a clear understanding on my thoughts on "Indian tradition" and "Citizen Potawatomi tradition." So many of you are seeking knowledge about Citizen Potawatomi traditions. I am doing as much as I can to pass on what I was taught and looking for ways for others with traditional knowledge to communicate with you. The tribe itself has an obligation to provide information and is making an ever-increasing effort to do so through information technology.



From The Chairman

By JOHN A. "ROCKY" BARRETT

What we are trying to be very careful to do, however, is make sure that those who wish to learn do not confuse "tradition" with "custom" — and even more important, do not confuse traditional ceremony with a certain religion.

Potawatomi tradition is not its own religion. The Potawatomi way of prayer, with a pipe and tobacco, is not a religion unto itself. It is a way of praying. It is the manner in which the Potawatomi prayed when we followed the Medewin religion before we were converted to Christianity. Before we were called the *Citizen Potawatomi*, we were called the *Mission Potawatomi* because we were the Potawatomi tribal families who chose to become Christians. That is the primary characteristic that caused us to form our own tribe.

We can still pray with the pipe if we choose to recognize our religious history in our contemporary worship. It is our traditional way to pray, just as some kneel to pray, some stand, and some hold their hands a certain way. Accordingly, we can still prepare a place for prayer, or prepare a place for some event that we wish the Creator to bless, by burning cedar, sage, sweet grass, and tobacco — the elements of the four directions — in honor of our Medewin history, just as Christian worship still observes some of the rituals of Judaism. The smoke rising is a Potawatomi way of signifying that this place during this event is special and praying that the Creator, God, Jesus, the Holy Ghost, or the form of higher being that you personally worship, will look favorably on what we do here. At the Festival, I always circle the dance arena with the smoke of the elements of the four directions before we have our dance. I close my prayer while I do it with "in Jesus name we pray" because of my religion. You can say your own prayer when you use this Potawatomi ritual according to your own beliefs.

Our dance arena only becomes a traditional place each day when it has been blessed and prayed over and the drum is placed there. The drum, and the beat of the drum, symbolizes the "heart beat of Mother Earth." If the drum is not there, it is just another piece of real estate. I have heard people refer to the area where we dance that has the bleachers around it as "sacred ground." That is only true, in certain ways, for a certain

period of time. When the drum is there, it is "sacred" from the standpoint that we have asked God to bless the dance arena for this event and those who dance here should show respect for the prayers and the drum and what they represent.

When the drum is not there, such as when we mow it with a lawn mower, or spread fertilizer on the grass, or the kids run and play in it during the day, it is the same as the rest of the tribal property. We have moved our dances and powwows many times due to weather. Most often, we have moved it to the Expo Center where the cow and horse shows are held. Does that make the concrete floor and manure powder of the Expo Center "sacred ground" forever? No, of course not. I have been to many powwows in gymnasiums and National Guard armories. Does that make them "sacred ground" after the powwow is over? No, it does not.

When the dance area has been blessed and prayed over, and the drum has been brought in for that event, the dance arena can be called "sacred" until the event is over. But it is not a church. Powwow is not a religion. We are not creating forever "sacred ground" by drumming and dancing on it. That is the Citizen Potawatomi tradition about dance arenas. Anyone who says that it is wrong to use our dance area for other Heritage Festival activities is mistaken. Most likely the criticism is really an attempt to use Indian religion for politics.

Every tribe in this nation has experienced the same thing in their politics. It is always based on who is IN elected office and who is OUT. I call it the battle between the "outs" and the "ins." When people want to get elected and the people who are *in* office are running the tribe in a satisfactory manner, the usual way for the "outs" to attack the "ins" is in the name of "Indian tradition." It has been this way for generations. The "outs" say the people in office are just not "Indian" enough, or that the people in office are violating "sacred traditions" or the people in office are all "white" and don't know "Indian ways."

What they are really saying is: "I'm more Indian, so I should be in charge." Don't fall for it. What those who are seeking elected office should be saying is: "I'm more capable of helping my fellow tribal members, so I should be in charge" and then show their qualifications for election. Attacking the

character and reputation of those in office is not the way to prove that you are capable of leadership.

We are an Indian tribe because we are related to each other and are of the same blood — not because of "blood degree" or because we dance or pray or believe a certain way. Our traditions, the "*Citizen Potawatomi way*," is not a religion or open only to those with more skin color. Each of us is different. But the one thing we are, whether we like it or not, is kin, and kinfolks look out for each other — that is the true "*Citizen Potawatomi way*." Our tribal government should continue to exist for one reason and one reason only: to help each other.

When the tribal government stops doing that, it stops having a valid reason to operate or even exist. When those who work in the tribal government stop wanting to help Citizen Potawatomi first and foremost, they have to be replaced with people who do. The old days and old ways are wonderful to study and learn from, but we can't choose our leaders because they ride a horse better or shoot arrows straighter. We live in a modern world and our people need help with real-life problems.

The help the tribe gives can be financial, medical, educational, physical, or spiritual. Getting it does not depend on how well you powwow or dance or speak Potawatomi. How much you are helped depends on your needs, not your beliefs. The tribe's ability to give you what you need depends on the skill of those you elect to lead the tribe and their ability to marshal the resources to help you. None of that should depend on whether you are more "traditional" than someone else, not if you are the person who needs help or the tribal official who provides it.

The election of Linda Capps and D. Wayne Trousdale in the election tells me that you view our tribal government in much the same way that I do. By a very large majority of votes, you elected the most qualified candidates based on their skill, experience, and ability to lead a tribal government that is dedicated to helping its people. Thank you for that from the bottom of my heart. With the new majority in the tribal government we are going to restore the pace of progress our tribe lost over the last two years. Please keep us in your prayers.

I also want to express my gratitude to all who helped to make the Heritage Festival, the General Council, and the election such a success this year. Thank you for your support.

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